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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 703

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"AN ACT CONCERNING COURT OPERATIONS, RELATED MATTERS AND PROTECTION ORDERS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 54-124a of the general statutes,
4 as amended by section 12 of public act 08-1 of the January special
5 session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
6 (*Effective from passage*):

7 (a) (1) There shall be a Board of Pardons and Paroles within the
8 Department of Correction, for administrative purposes only. On and
9 after February 1, 2008, and prior to July 1, 2008, the board shall consist
10 of not more than twenty-five members appointed by the Governor. On
11 and after July 1, 2008, the board shall consist of eighteen members.

12 (2) On and after February 1, 2008, the Governor shall appoint all
13 members of the board with the advice and consent of both houses of

14 the General Assembly. On and after July 1, 2008, twelve of the
15 members shall serve exclusively on parole release panels, five of the
16 members shall serve exclusively on pardons panels and the
17 chairperson may serve on both parole release panels and pardons
18 panels. In the appointment of members on and after February 1, 2008,
19 the Governor shall specify the member being appointed as
20 chairperson, the full-time and part-time members being appointed to
21 serve on parole release panels and the members being appointed to
22 serve on pardons panels. In the appointment of the members, the
23 Governor shall comply with the provisions of section 4-9b. The
24 Governor shall appoint a chairperson from among the membership.
25 The members of the board appointed on or after February 1, 2008, shall
26 be qualified by education, experience or training in the administration
27 of community corrections, parole or pardons, criminal justice,
28 criminology, the evaluation or supervision of offenders or the
29 provision of mental health services to offenders.

30 (3) Each appointment of a member of the board submitted by the
31 Governor to the General Assembly on or after February 1, 2008, shall
32 be referred, without debate, to the committee on the judiciary which
33 shall report thereon not later than thirty legislative days after the date
34 of reference.

35 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4-19, no vacancy in
36 the membership of the Board of Pardons and Paroles shall be filled by
37 the Governor when the General Assembly is not in session unless,
38 prior to such filling, the Governor submits the name of the proposed
39 vacancy appointee to the committee on the judiciary. Within forty-five
40 days, the committee on the judiciary may, upon the call of either
41 chairperson, hold a special meeting for the purpose of approving or
42 disapproving such proposed vacancy appointee by majority vote. The
43 Governor shall not administer the oath of office to such proposed
44 vacancy appointee until the committee has approved such proposed
45 vacancy appointee. If the committee determines that it cannot
46 complete its investigation and act on such proposed vacancy appointee
47 within such forty-five-day period, it may extend such period by an

48 additional fifteen days. The committee shall notify the Governor in
49 writing of any such extension. Failure of the committee to act on such
50 proposed vacancy appointee within such forty-five-day period or any
51 fifteen-day extension period shall be deemed to be an approval."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	54-124a(a)
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